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The Hammer

SUMMER 2023 – NEWS & UPDATES FROM L/NHH

Board President's Message

Dear Friends,

We just completed the groundbreaking on Build 22. What a joy!!! It was a journey to get ownership of the Build 22 site but, in the end; all is good. We should be working above the foundation in a few weeks.

Staying in compliance with HFHI is not a walk in the park. We have things to do - quarterly reports, keep our training certificates current, and payments to be made – our tithe, 10% of ReStore revenue. We've been complying for about 2 years straight. For a small Habitat Affiliate, I think we have done very well.

At our Annual Board Meeting in late July, we added 6 new Board Members, and then another one 3 weeks later. The new folks will sit through a Board Orientation in late August and we'll try to get everyone up to speed and plugged into a Committee.

Our Habitat Chapter is doing quite well; the ReStore generated over \$100,000 for the past year, fundraising is going well, our Committees are doing well, we're expanding our services to the community through our partnership with InterFaith, and we're expanding services to our existing homeowners. With our new Board Members, we should be able to do some of the things we've always thought we should be doing but did not have the resources to do.

Our website had been suffering for a few weeks. It's back and running well. We have a new look and feel. We've also added some new features (security, backups, email communications, to name a few) to the site. Please visit: www.lnhabitat.com.

Thanks for your support of our Habitat Chapter. Without our volunteers and financial support from the community, we would not exist to serve the community.

Thanks again!!

Eddy Whichard, President



Tiffany Frazier is the homeowner candidate for Build 22, located in the Swann Harbor neighborhood of Heathsville. Here she is turning over the symbolic first shovel at the Ground Breaking ceremony on 31 July.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Build 22!

Tiffany Frazier used a golden shovel to break the ground on the site of her new home in Heathsville, the twenty-second home the Habitat chapter will build. The ceremony attendees included Board members Sandra Baxter, Christopher Dameron, Jim Dullea, Construction Manager Alex Mason, Ralph Hendrickson, Al Ross and Habitat Board Chair Eddy Whichard; volunteers Bob Dunstan, Michael Florino, Melise Graham, Gordon Nelson, Riley Partlow, Cindy and Jim Roth, Ken Shepard, and Mason Washington. See more photos on page 4.

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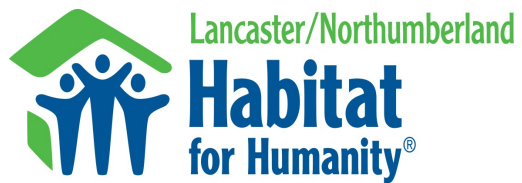
Everyone deserves a decent place to call home, and LNHH has been helping residents of Lancaster and Northumberland counties do just that since 1996.

Updates from the ReStore

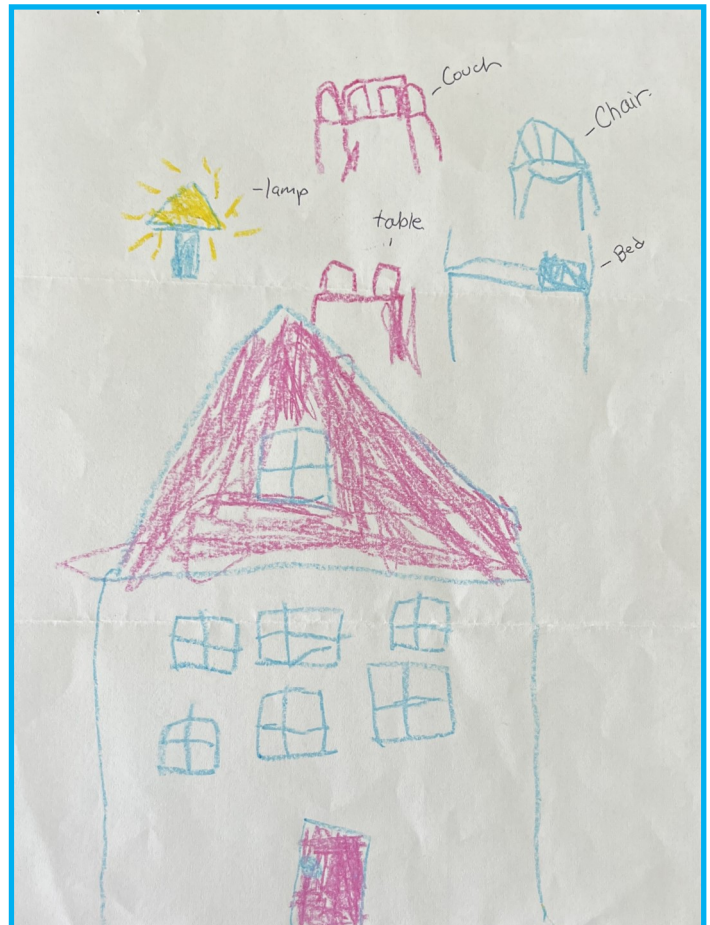


The news from the L/NHH ReStore keeps getting better! We hit a new milestone in sales – for the full year, just over \$101,000 gross sales!!! Not only is the store self-sustaining, it is contributing to the next builds!! Thank you to L/NHH Resale Store manager Delinda Nelson and her staff – Sally Boltz, Jennifer Poole, Karen Raham, Dana Owen and Kari Gordon – for their outstanding work to make the store so inviting!! And a big thank you to the Board members and volunteers who make up the donation pickup crew – they fill the store with great things for the community to buy!! And please note our new store sign – we are now an officially recognized ReStore!!! Well done!!

Sally, Delinda, and Jen covered the information booth at the YPM concert benefitting our chapter 6/9/23. Delinda brought some Habitat “swag” and raffled off items from the ReStore, adding to the impressive total raised for Habitat!



Tales from our Donations



We received this drawing with a donation to our chapter to support our next build – a child's view of what a home is all about. This drawing perfectly captures the Habitat philosophy – everyone deserves a decent place to call home.



YANKEE POINT MARINA

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Charity Concert Series

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, for 10 consecutive weekends, YPM hosted 10 bands (1 each weekend) at their outdoor concert venue The Beach @ Yankee Point Marina, with each event benefitting a different local community organization (10 in total). On 9 June, the concert featured the popular band Mercy Creek and donations benefitted Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity. The event raised \$3361 for L/NHH, far exceeding their goal of \$2,500. We thank YPM for their commitment to the community!!

06/09/23: Band: Mercy Creek, Charity: Habitat for Humanity

Title Sponsor: Bragg & Co. - Alice Riviere & Kelly Antonio, Bar Sponsor: Walker Homes

Venue Sponsor: Beech Creek Construction Company

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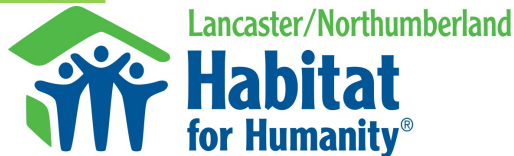
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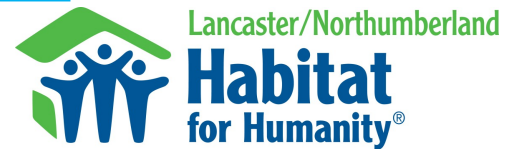
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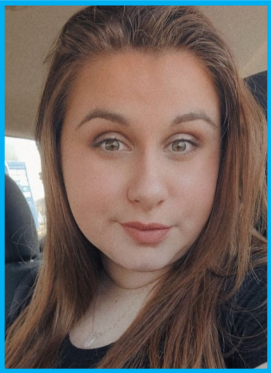
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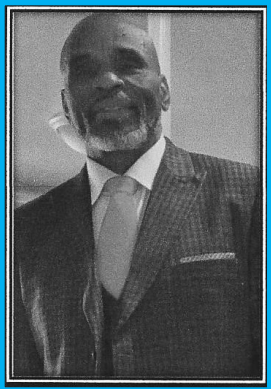
Family Selection

The L/NHH Family Empowerment Committee Chairman and Board Treasurer Lee Wonson reports that a family has been selected for Build #22...and Build #23! Ms. Tiffany Fraizer was selected for Build #22 and Ms. Latoya Snyder for Build #23. Both selectees will start their "sweat equity" service first in the ReStore, and then on the builds as they commence. The building location for Ms. Fraizer's home will be Swann Harbor in Northumberland County on land donated

L/NHH Welcomes New Board Members!



Elizabeth (Liz) Barton is currently a Mortgage Loan Assistant with Chesapeake Bank, mother of two boys and resides in White Stone, Va. In her personal time, she finds herself spending time with her family, volunteering or with her church. Elizabeth has served a number of roles in her lifetime, mostly Emergency Management or Safety Involved. Currently she is a member of Community Emergency Response Team, an Amateur Radio General Class Operator and Team Captain for Chesapeake Bank's Polar Plunge Team. Being a team captain for the bank is to help kids go to Camp Kekoka. Formerly, she was the Flotilla Commander for Deltaville's US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Auxiliary provided a number of amazing experiences, including leadership classes, telecommunications certification and also getting to be an instructor. Elizabeth has a passion for teaching, learning and also contributing back to her community and hopes to continue to give her time back to a community that she loves so much. Her interest in Habitat for Humanity stems from her love to not only help people, but to help apply her knowledge from her various volunteer history and professional career in the mortgage world to help folks accomplish the dream of owning their own home.

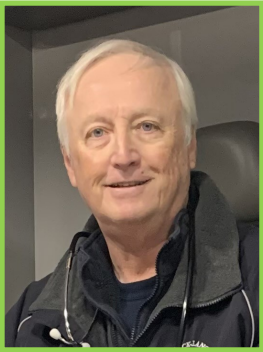


Donald Conaway has been Pastor of Church of Deliverance, Lively, for 24 years and a minister of the gospel and a leader in the community for over 50 years. He attended the public schools of Lancaster County and graduated from the J. Sergeant Reynolds Community College and MCV School of Nursing, preparing him for a 45 year career with Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital. He worked primarily in the operating room as First Surgical Assistant and Surgical Technologist. Often seen praying with a patient before surgery, he knew the important connection of spiritual and physical health as well as the human condition. In addition to his profound impact on the community through RGH, Donald also has a long history of professional achievements and public service, including membership on the Northern Neck Planning Commission, the Youth Mentoring Program, and the Free Health Clinic. He founded and still leads the Smart Start for Success Youth Empowerment mentorship program that has officially served the youth in our community for the past five years. He also served on the Board of Directors of the National Board of Surgical Technologist for eight years. He is the first African American elected to the Lancaster County board of Supervisors, serving for 12 years with one year as the Chairman and Vice Chairman, before he resigned to dedicate his full attention as Pastor of the Church of Deliverance in 1999. He served five years as Music Minister at Queen Esther Baptist Church before he was ordained in 1998. God has moved mightily under his leadership, and Donald continues to touch lives through his dedication, commitment and sacrifice.



Edna Davenport serves as the Director for Lancaster County Department of Social Services. Prior to her appointment as Director, she served as the Benefits Supervisor in the department. She has also worked as Benefit Supervisor with Essex Department of Social Services. Edna has 30 years of social service experience. Prior to Social services she was employed as a consultant with Booz-Allen & Hamilton, Inc. in Alexandria, Virginia. She has also worked for the Virginia Housing Development Authority in Richmond, Virginia. Edna is a past board member of Habitat serving on the Family Empowerment Committee. She is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Rehabilitation Services Counseling. She is a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and a Charter member of the Virginia Northern Neck Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She is married to Ronald, and they have one daughter (Giovanni).

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Jim Dullea had a successful career as a US Navy Submariner, including assignments to the USS Henry Clay, the Deep Submergence Rescue Vehicle Avalon (DSRV-2), the USS James Madison, and the Pearl Harbor Naval Sea Systems Command. He earned a degree in Nuclear Engineering from Georgia Tech and graduate degrees from USC and MIT in Science Management, Naval Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. After completing his command tour as Major Program Manager for Attack and Strategic Submarines, he retired from the Navy following 26 years of service. He continued to work on submarine system engineering and design with several different companies. He and his wife Cindy bought a home in White Stone in 2013, Jim retired in 2016, and they moved permanently to the Northern Neck in 2018. He affiliated with the Kilmarnock and Lancaster County Rescue squad in 2017 completing national and state certification as an EMT in 2018 a position he has retained providing the community 52 hours of emergency medical services monthly for the past six years. Jim completed certification as an Advanced EMT in July 2023. He and wife Cindy, a retired Rear Admiral USN (Reserve), have two children and two grandchildren.



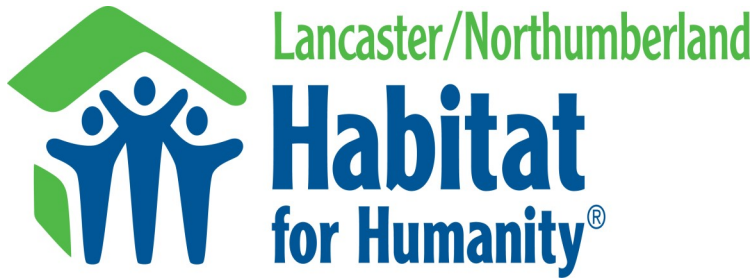
Frantasia (Fran or Frannie) Howard, is a Commercial Portfolio Manager at Chesapeake Bank, with prior experience as a teller. Prior to banking, Frantasia worked in the healthcare industry for 6 years as a certified nursing aide, ranging in a variety of specialties - long term care, rehabilitation, memory care, and home health care. She holds an associate degree in arts and sciences, with certifications in pre-nursing and geriatrics from Rappahannock Community College. She was Cadet Captain of her school's JROTC program, President of the Leo Club and Key Club, and member of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa. Her participation allowed her to serve the community in beautification projects, volunteering, and fundraising. Frantasia's hobbies include reading, writing, and spending time with her loved ones. She comes from a big family, and family means the most to her. Her parents raised her to be mindful of others and to always help those who struggled. She has carried that passion throughout her life, seeking positions that would allow her to give back. Frantasia is a native to the Lancaster County area and keeps a good relationship with those she knows. Habitat for Humanity will open yet another journey for her to serve the community she grew up in.



Barbara McCarthy retired in 2018 as Director of the Library and Resource Center, Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired. She had a rich career as an innovator, strategic planner, educator, and advocate for blind and visually impaired adults. Even before retiring she has been an active volunteer and Board member for variety of community groups throughout Virginia, including Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Waynesboro, Make-A-Wish Greater VA, Richmond Triangle Players, Association for Education of the Blind and Vision Impaired, Board for the Blind and Vision Impaired, and a Trustee for her alma mater, Randolph College/Randolph Macon Woman's College. She is married to James J. McCarthy, Jr., and has three children, one cat and one dog!



Alan (Al) Ross came to the NNK with extensive Washington experience in both government and the private sector. In government, he held several senior positions in the Department of Defense. As an active-duty Naval aviator for more than 20 years, he specialized in aviation programming and management issues. After leaving the Navy in 1993, he founded A. L. Ross Associates, Inc., a consulting firm providing business development services to U.S. and international companies. Ross Associates coordinates with DoD program managers to help clients understand contracting opportunities, and to ensure an effective and competitive response. Mr. Ross is a registered lobbyist and represents clients before the Congress and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, State, and Transportation. Mr. Ross received a BA in Political Science from Duke University and attended the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.



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Volunteer Opportunities

- **Habitat home build sites** – No construction experience is necessary. Many first-time volunteers have never picked up a hammer!
- **Habitat ReStore** – If you enjoy a fast paced, fun and rewarding retail environment that strives to provide outstanding donor and customer service, then the ReStore would be a great volunteer opportunity for you!
- **Donation pickups** – Help our dedicated crew of volunteers picking up donations from homes and businesses around the NNK.

Donation Opportunities

Lancaster/Northumberland Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Your donations are tax deductible and 100% of your contributions stay here in Lancaster and Northumberland counties.

- **Website:** L/NHH website DONATE button (LNHabitat.org/support)
- **Shop:** Shop at our ReStore, 460 N. Main St., Kilmarnock
- **Planned giving:** Your gift through your will, trust, or other account will be your personal legacy of building a world where everyone has a decent place to call home.
- **Cars for Homes:** We welcome cars, RVs, motorcycles, boats, farm and construction equipment.

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